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I would like to voice my support to the standing committee on Family and community affairs with respect to the adoption of the following:

Given that the best interests of the child are paramount and all things being equal i.e. that there is no history of abuse of the children or drug related influence from either parent then:

1) The Courts should be given the power for the children to spend equal time with the parents to ensure a balanced upbringing unless the child is of an age that it can address the court as to its preference which may be in the Childs best interests.

2) The court should have the power to grant access to the Grandparents or others where there is conflict or an estrangement where the court believes it is in the best interests of the child.

Regards

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